The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations in Geneva and the Council of Europe have the honour to invite you to the side event

Join States in a class of excellence to fight child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

organised on the margins of the 55th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2024 FROM 13:00 TO 14:00

Hotel Intercontinental Geneva, Ballroom B

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Abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against children are heinous crimes – ending them by 2030 is one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. **How can states live up to this commitment?**

The **Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the Lanzarote Convention)** is the most comprehensive international instrument on protecting children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. It serves as a blueprint for any country developing legislation and policies to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse of children, protect victims, prosecute offenders, and promote national and international co-operation. The Convention is an open convention, made in Europe but not exclusive to Europe. This means that any country in the world can join this Convention and benefit from the unique mechanism it provides to strengthen legislation, policy and practice, through the Lanzarote Committee. 48 countries are currently Parties to the Convention.

- What are the benefits of joining the Lanzarote Convention?
- What practical support and policy guidance do States Parties receive?
- What is the Barnahus model and why does it work?

PROGRAMME

Co-moderators: setting the scene

- **Regína Jensdóttir,** Council of Europe Co-ordinator for the Rights of the Child
- **Páll Magnússon**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Iceland in Geneva, Bureau Member of the Lanzarote Committee

Panellists

- **H.E. Asmundur Einar Dadason**, Minister of Education and Children, Iceland
- **Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid**, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children
- **Mag. Nina Koželj**, Director General, Punitive Law and Human Rights Directorate, Ministry of Justice, Slovenia

A discussion with participants will follow

Finger food and refreshments will be offered

Working language: English

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